Dean Joseph

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Doctoral Candidate

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Research Areas

Specialization: Political philosophy; social philosophy

Competences: Applied ethics, normative ethics, social epistemology, philosophy of law

Education

Visiting Scholar, University of Arizona (2026) – Supervisor: Thomas Christiano
Project: "Equality Extended: Youth, Cognitive Disability, and Animals"

Ph.D. Philosophy, Queen's University (2023–)
Thesis: *Democracy, Co-authorship, and Minoritized Members*
Committee: Will Kymlicka (supervisor), Andrew Lister, Margaret Moore

M.A. Philosophy, Concordia University (2023) – Supervisor: Pablo Gilabert

B.A. Philosophy (honours), Saint Mary's University (2021)

Publications

Journal Articles

1. "Trusting Conspiracy Theories", *Social Epistemology* (2025): 1–14 (online first)

Edited Volumes

2. "Explorations in Current Philosophy," *Gnosis (Graduate Journal)* (2024) Vol. 21, with Petru Dragnef

Awards and Fellowships

- SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Award: $6,000 (2026)
- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral: $120,000 (2025–2028)
- Doctoral Fellow: Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law, and Ethics (APPLE), Queen's (2025–)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship: $15,000 x2 (2024; *declined in 2025*)
- Dr. H. Martyn Estall Award, Queen's: $500 (2024)
- Queen's Graduate Award: $2,000 (2024)
- Various conference travel awards (Queen's; APA): $3000 (2024–27)
- Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship: $15,000 (2023)
- Dean's Award *(with merit in social justice)*, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Queen's: $3,000 (2023)
- Social Justice Centre Fellowship, Concordia University: $5,000 (2022)
- Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ) Fellowship, interuniversity research group: $5,000 (2022)

Refereed Talks (* = Invited)

"Equality Extended: Youth, Cognitive Disability, and Animals"
APA East (Boston, Jan. 2027); University of Arizona (*Philosophy Brown Bag*, Oct. 2027 *)

"Democracy's Co-authorship Principle"
APA East (Boston, Jan. 2027); *APA Pacific* (Online, April 2026); *CPA* (Halifax, June 2026)
International Association for Social & Legal Philosophy (*CS-IVR*, Halifax, June 2026)
Western CPA (Edmonton, Oct. 2025); *Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association* (Fredericton, Oct. 2025)

"Trusting Conspiracy Theories"
APA East (Baltimore, Jan. 2026); *CPA* (Toronto, June 2025); *ARPA* (Newfoundland, Oct. 2024)
Guest Lecture (PHIL 451 Epistemology, Queen's, Oct. 2025 *)

"Cognitive Disability and Shared Decision-Making"
South Ontario Regional Ethics Network (Kingston Health Sciences Centre, April 2025 *)

"State and Citizen", *Guest Lecture:* Humanities 102 Worldviews (Champlain College, March 2025 *)

"Nonabsolutism and Social Change"
Social Justice Centre and *CRÉ Graduate Fellow Seminars* (Montreal, Apr. 2023); *CPA* (Online, Jun. 2024)

Commentaries

- 'A Defense of Non-Rawlsian Ideal Theory' by Jorge Sanchez-Perez, *CS-IVR* (June 2026)
- 'Sharing Labour as a Principle of Justice' by Yuanjin Xia, *CPA* (June 2026 *)
- 'Ottawa Freedom Convoy' by John Edwards-Boone, *Emerging Challenges for Liberal Democracy* (Apr. 2026)
- 'Inclusive Dignity' by Pablo Gilabert, *Concordia Philosophy Research Symposium* (Feb. 2023 *)

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Markets and Morals – Queen's (2027)

Lecture Assistant

Animals and Society – Queen's (2026)
Philosophy of Human Rights – Concordia (2023)
Philosophy of Science – Concordia (2022)

Teaching Assistant

Science and Society – Queen's (2025)
Great Works of Philosophy – Queen's x2 (2024–25)
Epistemology x1; Metaphysics x1 – Queen's (2024)
Practical Ethics x2 – Queen's (2023, 2025)
Critical Thinking x3 – Concordia (2021–22)

Practicum and Research Position

Medical Ethics Practicum: Kingston General Hospital, Ontario, Dr. David Campbell (2025)
Research Assistant (Queen's Law), Prof. Grégoire Webber, SSHRC Insight Project (2024–)

Service

Referee: *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (x1)

Conference organizer (x3):

- *Emerging Challenges for Liberal Democracy*, Queen's (2026)
- *Normativity and Social Critique*, CRÉ (2023)
- Philosophy Graduate Colloquium, Queen's (2023–24)

SSHRC applications workshop leader, Queen's (2026)

Teaching assistant mentor & social committee, Queen's philosophy (2024–26)

Graduate philosophy program outreach, Queen's and Concordia (2023–26)

Judge at Ethics Bowl Canada (2025)

Graduate Coursework (* = Audited)

Value Theory

Democracy – Thomas Christiano (2026) *

Global Justice – Allen Buchanan (2026) *

Membership and Solidarity – Will Kymlicka (2025) *

Legal-Political Philosophy Colloquium – Grégoire Webber, Jean Thomas x3 (2023–)

Future Generations (Directed Study) – Rahul Kumar (2024)

Normative Ethics – Kerah Gordon-Solmon (2024)

Interspecies Politics – Will Kymlicka (2023)

Intergenerational Justice – Andrew Lister (2023)

Well-Being – Pablo Gilabert (2023)

Social Justice – Pablo Gilabert (2021)

Private Property – Katharina Nieswandt (2021)

Metaphysics, Language, Epistemology, History

Conspiracy Theories – Sergio Sismondo (2024)

Philosophy of Language x2 – Gregory Lavers (2022)

Kant – Nabeel Hamid (2022)

Plato – Paul Catanu (2022)

Memberships

American Philosophical Association; Canadian Philosophical Association; PPE Society

References

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